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REMARKS

The above amendments are for the purpose of correcting the description of the drawings, and to move tables that were initially identified as drawings into the text of the specification. The text from Figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 was deleted from the drawings and inserted into the Brief Description of the Drawings on pages 8-10 of the specification. Original Figures 30, 31, 32 and 34 contained tables which have been deleted from the drawings and inserted into the specification on pages 30-31 as Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Since Figures 30-32 were deleted from the drawings, original Figures 33A-33B have been renumbered as Figures 30A-30B and the specification has been amended accordingly (page 31, lines 7-11).

Throughout the text, the figure descriptors have been changed to conform the text to the new figures and tables. Applicants certify that no new matter has been added by way of the present amendments. Should the Office request, Applicants will provide a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the amendments made herein in red and/or a substitute specification containing the amendments made herein. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (713) 934-4084 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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